

DOINGS AT DEMING.

Newsy Notes from Our Southern Neighbor.

The Populists are Going to Have a Merry Time in This Fall Campaign.

The cry of hard times comes from all parts of the country and it is to be heard as well at Deming as at other places, but there is something contradictory down there. A number of new buildings have been put up and others are in process of construction, and they are all of a substantial kind which gives an air of prosperity to the place in spite of the almost universal cry of hard times.

The merchants are carrying fair stocks of goods and have a good trade, but they are waiting patiently for the custom house at Palomas to be reestablished when they expect to get a large trade from Mexico. The Mexican government will undoubtedly open the custom house which was closed soon after the outbreak of the rebellion down there when the custom house was robbed and some other depredations were committed by a small band of lawless Mexicans. As soon as this is done Deming merchants will get a good trade from Mexico.

Very little is said about the railroad which was graded to some distance beyond the Mexican line from Deming but the general impression seems to be that the time is not far distant when operations will be resumed. Should this road be built it will make Deming one of the most important towns along the Mexican border.

The promoters of the Deming Land and Water Company have plans for the colonization of the land around Deming which, if they succeed, will help the town very materially.

Just now the populist movement at Deming is attracting more attention than any thing else and it may be said that there is no other subject which is so freely discussed down there as the political situation. The populist movement is stronger there than many suppose and the leaders of the movement are going to have some fun out of the candidates for office at the coming election. They are keeping their plans to themselves and are giving no encouragement to candidates on either side, thus putting an element of uncertainty into the campaign which the candidates will not appreciate. From what can be gathered from the leaders of the movement it is hardly probable that the populists, as a party, will put a ticket in the field at the coming election, but that they will give their support to candidates on one or the other of the party tickets which will be nominated next month.

Their platform has been signed by

about sixty of the voters of Deming and vicinity and the leaders are confident that they will be able to largely increase this list before the time comes for election. One of them said that, should it become apparent that the populists could elect their ticket, at any time before the election, they would immediately put a ticket in the field and leave both the old parties to divide the minority of the votes between them. The leaders are going about the formation of a new party good naturedly and they smilingly say that they are going to win if they can. If they cannot win with a ticket of their own they say that they are going to name the next county officers for the candidates for whom they cast their votes they believe will certainly be elected.

The populists at Deming are counting on considerable support from the Central and Georgetown precincts and are confident that they will be able to organize in other precincts in the county before November. They seem to be very confident and it is certain that they are going to cause a great deal of uneasiness among the candidates for popular favor at the coming election. There is fun ahead for them if nothing else.

There does not seem to be many aspirants for office at Deming this year. M. P. Moore is out for sheriff and A. J. Clark is out for commissioner but so far no others have entered the race for nominations. Judge Boone announced himself as a candidate for superintendent of schools but has since signified his intention of withdrawing from the race as he does not consider the compensation sufficient to warrant him in making the race.

On the democratic side, Lou H. Brown has been spoken of as a probable candidate for the office of treasurer. He is the cashier of the Deming National Bank and is a popular man in Deming. Prof. Thomas Brown is talked of as a candidate for the office of school superintendent but he does not appear to be inclined to accept the nomination. He would make an excellent superintendent and would poll four-fifths of the vote of Deming, irrespective of party. John Burnside has been talked of as a probable candidate for both the office of collector and clerk, but he refuses to make the race for either of them. He has a good position with the house of Wormser & Co., and says that he does not feel inclined to give up a good thing for an uncertainty. There is some talk of running Col. J. P. McGrorty for representative and if he would accept the nomination he could undoubtedly be elected.

The republicans down there seem to have given very little thought to the selection of candidates for nomination and

Louis Altman is about the only one spoken of. He is talked of in connection with the republican nomination for probate clerk.

Receiver Foster of the defunct banks is trying to collect money from the stockholders and others who owe the banks and has a number of suits on hand. Although he recommended an additional assessment on the stockholders in the First National Bank of Silver City some time ago, it has not been called by the comptroller of the currency, and that official has informed the receiver that he considered such a course impracticable. It seems that the decision of the comptroller in this matter is final and it is doubtful whether another assessment will be called. It looks very much as though the only hope of getting the comptroller to reconsider his action in this matter lies in the selection of some one by the depositors in the bank to go to Washington and lay the matter before the comptroller and show him conclusively that there is no hope of getting enough out of the assets of the bank to pay the depositors and that in justice to them there ought to be another assessment levied on the stockholders. The expense of sending a man to Washington would, of course, have to be borne by the depositors in whose interest the representative went to Washington, but this expense would be small in comparison with what the depositors would receive in case his mission turned out to be successful.

Last Friday afternoon a Mexican was killed by the Santa Fe train from the east at the station at Deming. Cipriano Hernandez, an old Mexican who has been a resident of Deming for nine or ten years, got on the train from Silver City at the ice house this side of Deming and rode down to the station. The Silver City train pulled in slowly on the main track and the train from the east came in on the long switch, meeting the Silver City train at the station. Just before the Silver City train stopped Cipriano jumped off directly in front of the train on the switch and was unable to get out of the way before the locomotive struck him. He was killed instantly.

A local company played "Down by the Sea," at the Deming Opera House Friday evening to a good sized audience. The piece was well rendered and after the play was over a dance was given to which quite a number remained.

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